GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Social Welfare Department – Best Available Schools Scheme – Discontinuation from 2021-22 and shifting of existing students of the scheme to government residential and non-residential schools and welfare hostels in the best interest of the students – Orders – Issued

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SOCIAL WELFARE (SW.EDN) DEPARTMENT

G.O Ms.No.19 Dated:27-08-2021

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.95 Social Welfare (Q2) department dated 4-10-1995
2. G.O.Ms.No.70, Social Welfare(TW.Edn.II) Dept, dated:01-08-2001
3. G.O.Ms.No.101 Social Welfare Department dated 31-05-2008
4. G.O.Ms.No.145 Social Welfare Department dated 18-07-2008
5. G.O. Ms.No. 52 Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department dated 23-05-2014
6. Hon'ble High Court of AP orders in Writ Petition No.18749/2020 filed by Mala Mahanadu Aikya Vedika, AP represented by its State General Secretary & 8 other and in IA No. 1 of 2021 in No.18749/2020 and batch cases
7. Tribal Welfare Department efile No.SOW03-16022/7/2021-J SEC-COTW (Computer No.1412433)

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ORDER:

In the references 1st to 5th read above, the scheme of Best Available Schools (BAS) was introduced/ revised for providing high quality education to SC and ST students through admission in the private schools in the districts.

2. Government over the last one decade has strived to improve the quality of education in Government run Residential Schools. The education being provided in these Residential Schools is also focused on integrated development of the SC and ST students.

3. Further from 2019-20, the Government is implementing the schemes (i) Nadu Nedu Scheme, (ii) Jagananna Vidya Kanuka scheme and (iii) Amma Vodi Scheme, which are aimed at overall improvement in the quality of education being provided in government run schools, both residential and non-residential, and also in welfare hostels in order to provide the required physical infrastructure in the government schools in the state and enhance access to schools, ensuring equality, assuring quality education and for overall development of the child from Classes I to XII (Intermediate Education) which will lead to a strong foundation for the increase in overall Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at primary and secondary level of education in the State.

4. In view of all the above factors and the paradigm shift in the policy of the government to strengthen the government schools for the benefit of the children studying in those schools from the poorer sections of the society and in pursuant of orders of Hon'ble High Court of AP in the reference 6th read above, Government hereby dispense the Best Available Schools Schemes for SCs and STs with effect from academic year 2021-22 with the following instructions:

(i) The existing students studying in 9th and 10th classes shall be continued in the existing schools till they complete the 10th class education, as they are in the final stages of their high school education. Their scholarships/fees will be sanctioned by the government as per the existing scheme guidelines.

(ii) The students of the remaining classes shall be shifted to the existing government run residential schools in the respective districts.

(iii) Wherever vacancies in the residential schools do not accommodate all the existing students of BAS scheme for 2021-22, then the remaining students shall be admitted in the available government non-residential schools, which are developed under Nadu-Nedu and the students be admitted in the nearby welfare hostels for accommodation and boarding, as per the choice of the parents.

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(iv) Those students who want to continue in the same private school in classes 3rd to 8th can do so and their parents can pay the fees on their own, substantially using the Amma Vodi grant being released to the mothers, as per their eligibility. In case of hostellers of the scheme, they can opt to shift to the nearby government run welfare hostels and continue as day-scholars in the private schools, if they desired so. Government will, however, not sanction scholarships/fees additionally under the scheme to such children continuing in the private schools from 2021-22.

5. Further, the students studying under the Best Available Schools Scheme shall be considered as continued in their respective schools for the academic year 2020-21

6. The Director of Social Welfare, AP and the Director of Tribal Welfare, AP shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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